

Eggington Conservation Area Appraisal

Eggington Conservation Area was designated in 1974 and was last reviewed in 1993.

The current review, the results of which are set out in the Appraisal document, assesses the setting, character and appearance of the conservation area and identifies opportunities for improving the character of the designated area.

A 28-day consultation period on the draft appraisal document was launched at Eggington Village Hall on Saturday 12th December 2009.

Boundary Changes

The Appraisal makes recommendation of the following conservation area boundary amendment:

Extension of the conservation area to encompass the immediate (domestic) grounds of Eggington House and Eggington Lodge including the area of glasshouses east of the house

The recommendation regularizes a previous anomaly and follows best practice of including all of the domestic gardens of properties included in the conservation area.

The boundary changes were supported by all respondents to the consultation

The results of the consultation

The Parish Council response:

(Via e-mail correspondence from Chairman of the PC dated 14th March 2010)

“The Parish Council fully supports the aspirations of the draft document, as expressed in Section 7 [Boundary Changes], to include the wider addition of those areas associated with the properties currently included in the conservation area, and in Section 8 [Opportunities for Enhancement], which it is felt should be endorsed by the local planning authorities.

In addition to the Parish Council, 7 consultation responses were received. The following have been identified as Key Issues

- A concern of the impact of the Leighton Buzzard Urban Extension upon the character of the conservation area and its setting
- Improved street lighting
- A village bus shelter of appropriate ('in-keeping') design

[The Appraisal (p.21) recommends that street furniture should respond to the rural character of the area and be well-designed and co-ordinated]